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H. CON. RES. 197

Expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Government spending.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 13, 1999

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. CRANE, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Ms. DUNN, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. JOHN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MICA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. RILEY, Mr. ROHR-ABACHER, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WALDEN of Oregon) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Government spending.

Whereas Federal taxes are at their highest peacetime level in history, taking 20.5 percent of the gross domestic product;

Whereas the typical American family pays 38 percent of its income in Federal, State, and local taxes—more than it spends on food, housing, and clothing combined;

Whereas in 1999 governments at all levels will collect \$10,298 for every man, woman, and child in the United States;

Whereas since 1989 the Federal per capita tax burden has increased 27 percent;

Whereas a Federal tax increase on tobacco would fall hardest on low-income Americans, with 53 percent of the tax burden falling on Americans earning less than \$30,000;

Whereas the Congressional Budget Office forecasts that the productivity of American workers—and controlled Federal spending—will create a non-Social Security surplus of \$996,000,000,000 over the next 10 years;

Whereas the House of Representatives voted on May 26, 1999, to protect Social Security and Medicare by passing the Social Security lock box by a vote of 416 to 12; and

Whereas Congress must protect Social Security and Medicare by controlling Federal spending, rather than by increasing taxes on any Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that there
 3 should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund
 4 additional Government spending.

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